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Eligible to Apply Using the TASFA

- Graduated or will graduate from a Texas high school or received GED certificate in Texas.
- Lived in Texas for three (3) years leading up to graduation from high school or receiving GED.
- Lived or will have lived in Texas for 12 months prior to starting college.
- Sign affidavit stating student has filed or will file an application to become a permanent resident at the earliest opportunity.
- **Be considered "lawfully present" in the U.S.**
For example:
 - DACA
 - Temporary Protected Status
 - Certain H Visa holders

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Who Is Eligible for TASFA?

- Students that are classified as **Texas Residents** but are **not** eligible to apply for federal financial aid using the FAFSA®, *may** be eligible to complete the TASFA application.
- These students do not meet the definition of citizen or eligible non-citizen for federal aid purposes.
- However, under the new law, students must be in the U.S. under a status considered "lawfully present."

*This means that undocumented students will no longer qualify for SB1528 (effective with the 2025-26 award year).



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How Do I Apply?

To apply for aid under SB1528, students must complete the following 2 steps:

- Students must speak with the College's **Admissions** Office. This is the office responsible for determining residency.
- Students must fill out the TASFA application and submit along with any other requested information or documentation to the Financial Aid Office.



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Selective Service

Males between the ages of 18 and 26 are required to register with the Selective Service to be eligible for state aid.

While many of you have heard that the Selective Service requirement for federal aid has been rescinded, the State of Texas has **NOT** rescinded this eligibility requirement, and so males must still register to be eligible for state aid.

Note: Students without a social security number cannot register on the Selective Service website. However, SSS provides the form and mailing address here:

<https://www.sss.gov/register/immigrants/>



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Types of Aid

The following are the state financial aid programs that TASFA students **may** be eligible for. Please check with the institution to determine the exact rules at that particular school:

- Texas Public Education Grant (TPEG)
- TEXAS Grant (4-year universities only)
- Texas College Work-Study
- State Exemption Programs
- College Access Loan (CAL)

Generally, awards will pay* tuition, fees, books and supplies. If there is a credit balance remaining, students will receive a refund check.

(*Depends on each student's actual eligibility).



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Examples of Aid from Private Source

- FastWeb
 - <https://www.fastweb.com>
- Mexican American Legal Defense and Education Fund
 - <http://www.maldef.org/>
- Scholarships for Hispanics
 - <https://www.hsf.net/scholarship>
- Sallie Mae Scholarships
 - [Scholarships for Current College Students | Sallie Mae](#)
- LULAC
 - <https://lulac.org/>
- Scholarships.com
 - <https://www.scholarships.com/financial-aid/college-scholarships/scholarships-by-type/scholarships-for-undocumented-students/>
- La Plaza Scholarship and Financial Aid Guide
 - <http://www.laplazaindy.org/portfolio-item/scholarship-fund/>



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Online TASFA Resources

<https://www.highered.texas.gov/students-families/tasfa/>






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TASFA Application

On October 1, 2025, the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board (Coordinating Board) announced the launch of the Fiscal Year 2027 (2026-27) Online Texas Application for State Financial Aid (TASFA).

This includes the publication of the paper application, which is available in both English and Spanish.

Both versions of the application can be accessed on the Coordinating Board's [TASFA webpage](#).



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FAQs

Q: Does my parents' citizenship status affect my eligibility for federal student aid?

A: No. Your parents' citizenship status does not affect your eligibility for federal student aid. In fact, the FAFSA® doesn't even ask about your parents' status.

Q: Do my parents need Social Security numbers for me to complete the FAFSA?

A: No; since your parents' citizenship does not affect your ability to complete the FAFSA, they do not need Social Security numbers. If your parents do not have Social Security numbers; you must enter 000-00-0000 when the FAFSA asks for parents' Social Security numbers. If your parents do not have Social Security numbers, you must print out the signature page from the online FAFSA so that your parents can sign it and mail it in.



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Questions?



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GOOD LUCK!



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<https://www.collin.edu/financialaid/TASFAprocess.html>



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